

Oklahoma Poultry

2006 Poultry Review

Total chickens (excluding broilers) in Oklahoma on December 1, 2006 were 4.48 million birds, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Hens and pullets of laying age, at 3.12 million head, were down 3 percent from 2005. The number of other chickens (mostly roosters) increased 2 percent from last year. The average value per bird was down 30 cents from the previous year. Total inventory value of all chickens excluding broilers, was \$20.2 million, down 8 percent.

Total egg production for the year ending November 30, 2006, was 738 million eggs, up 1 percent from 2005. The annual average number of laying hens was 3.17 million head with an average of 233 eggs per layer. This average number of layers was down 1 percent from the prior year but the eggs produced per layer were up 2 percent. The price per dozen eggs decreased 1.3 cents from a year earlier to 97.0 cents per dozen. The total value of eggs produced in 2006 totaled \$59.65 million, down slightly from 2005.

The State's broiler production, concentrated mostly in the eastern part of the State, was 249.4 million birds, down slightly from 2005's production. The total liveweight pounds produced was 1.35 billion, 2 percent above the previous year's production. The average price per pound for broilers, at 37 cents was down 5 cents from the year earlier. The total value of broiler production decreased 10 percent to 498 million dollars. Oklahoma was ranked number 11 in the Nation for the number of broilers produced in 2006.